[Mr. James Fletcher.]

(*d*) whether there will be broadening of the road at the bends?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The existing length of the road from Nagercoil to Thuckalai is 10 miles. Length after straightening is not known at present

(*d*) Yes.

Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum.

92. ***Mr. James Fletcher:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of surgical operations performed in the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum, during the years 1112, 1113 and 1114;

(*b*) the number of major operations in each of those years; and

(*c*) whether there is a decline in the number of major operations in the hospital during the last six months of 1114?

Vaidyasastrakusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose:

(*a*) 1112 5836
1113 5317
1114 (till 13-12-1114) 5177

(*b*) 1112 824
1113 777
1114 (till 13-12-1114) 677

(*c*) There is no appreciable decrease in the number of operations performed.

Taxation in different parts of the State.

93. ***Mr. James Fletcher:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of acres of wet land and garden land registered in favour of private individuals in each taluk of the State;

(*b*) the average land tax per acre of wet land and of garden land in each taluk; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any action to remove the disparity in the amount of land tax in the various taluks of the State?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: (*a*) and (*b*) A statement showing the required particulars as on 1-1-1114 is laid on the table.

(*c*) No. Action in this direction is possible only at the next general Revenue Settlement of the State.

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Mr. V. S. Arumugham Pillai (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Sir, with reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know from the Land Revenue Commissioner, whether he is aware of any place in the whole of India where such a rate of taxation is available?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: I cannot say if it is so.

Mr. V. S. Arumukhom Pillai. May I know whether he is aware of the fact that it is Rs. 5 in excess of the tax per acre in the taluks of Madras Presidency?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: May be so.

Repatriation in Ceylon.

94. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Travancoreans now residing in Ceylon;

(*b*) whether they are subject to any disabilities by the Government of Ceylon;

(*c*) whether a scheme of repatriation has been passed by the Government of Ceylon for the eviction of Indians including Travancoreans from Ceylon; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government of Travancore to protect the Travancoreans there?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Government have no definite information.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes.

(*d*) This Government have forwarded their views to the Government of India and sought to impress upon them the necessity to take effective measures for counteracting the policy adopted by the Government of Ceylon which this Government recognise affects prejudicially a large number of Travancoreans. Other steps are also in contemplation.

Convenience of Sabarimala pilgrims.

95. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the approximate number of pilgrims that gathered at Erumeli and Sabarimala during the last "Makara Samkramum" festival;

(*b*) whether sufficient drinking water was available to the pilgrims in both places; and

(*c*) whether there were sufficient number of latrines for the use of pilgrims?

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Appendix III.

Vide **Answer to Question No.93**

Statement showing particulars of area under registry, land tax etc

Name of Taluk.	Area under wet cultivation		Area under dry cultivation.		Average land tax per acre of wet land.			Average land tax per acre of dry land.		
	A.	C.	A.	C.	Rs.	Ch.	C.	Rs.	Ch.	C.
Thovala	12289	21	15883	3	11	2	9	...	8	14
Agasteeswaram	14085	65	39970	17	11		10	...	18	8
Kalkulam	15533	87	66746	75	6	1	7	...	17	8
Vilavancode	8193	70	60791	19	5	2	12	...	20	10
Neyyattinkara	14777	16	95226	39	3	2	3	...	18	12
Trivandrum	10961	51	43092	21	3	2	1	...	21	1
Nedumangad	14455	66	100879	29	3	1	12	...	21	5
Chirayinkil	10275	16	49962	74	3	21	15	...	21	5
Quilon	14681	95	59758	88	2	6	2	1	1	6
Karunagapally	21183	35	27560	64	2	22	12	2	26	7
Karthigapally	24447	5	14151	39	2	26	1	3	8	14
Kunnathoor	14283	5	60535	64	2	16	15	..	22	4
Kottarakara	16789	42	86161	94	3	4	1	...	21	1
Ambalapuzha	54230	52	23795	18	1	22	14	2	16	0
Mavelikara	21971	97	44690	28	2	22	0	1	4	11
Thiruvalla	31395	4	74274	3	2	9	10	...	22	14
Pathanamthitta	6589	12	90392	2	2	22	12	...	24	7
Pathanapuram	9797	15	54387	78	2	22	4	...	25	12
Shencottah	8447	42	25956	95	7	23	5	...	22	3
Changanachery	26138	59	105865	60	1	27	8	...	22	11
Kottayam	43816	26	77806	9	2	1	9	...	22	13
Sherthalai	22572	26	36703	12	2	0	8	2	10	12
Vaikom	30676	81	44110	26	1	26	6	1	5	6
Meenachil	8627	95	116960	97	1	26	8	...	24	13
Moovattupuzha	36927	63	105011	4	1	18	11	..	21	11
Thodupuzha	9636	83	74025	1	1	23	5	..	23	7
Kunnathunad	61096	59	87126	12	1	10	1	...	17	1
Parur	31159	83	29399	69	2	9	2	2	7	6
Devicolam	3471	65	139367	28	2	24	3	1	0	4
Peermade	421	84	68494	51	1	7	0	1	13	6